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On 1/11/2006 , the office mailed a notice under 37 CFR 1.251 requesting the submission of Foreign priority documents missing from the application file. Upon further investigation, German priority document 10985719.9 been retrieved and made of record in this application file and are attached.

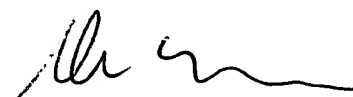
In Applicant's published PCT application, there are only two priority claims to 198 05 719.9 filed on 12 February 1998 and to 198 55 894.5 filed on 03 December 1998.

Applicant's apparent claim for priority of German Application 198 06 848.4 filed 18 February 1998 (as listed in the foreign Applications section of the File Wrapper) appears inappropriate, as this document is not listed in the published PCT application.

Therefore any priority claimed on German Application 198 06 848.4 is denied under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(ii) in that this foreign priority claim was not made in the international application within the time limits provide for by the PCT (these are set forth in PCT Rule 26bis.)

To establish priority based on German Application 198 06 848.4, Applicant will have to establish that the priority claim to this application was properly and timely added during the international process before being allowed it in this national phase application.

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